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The Weather

Arkansas: Colder tonight; freezing temperature in extreme south portion, below freezing in central and north portions.

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Axis Forces in Full Retreat

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Sabotage Isn't Always Headlined
Shirker Worse Than Striker

Because it takes intestinal fortitude for men to walk off the job collectively—to remedy a grievance real or fancied—strike news gets the headlines. Yet the Navy tells us that the real factory saboteur isn't the striker, but the gutless guy who simply doesn't show up for work.

Committee Irked by Policies of Manpower Chief

Washington, Feb. 24—(AP)—Armed signs of growing resentment over policies of Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the War Manpower Commission, the House Military Committee took ranging sights on two fronts today in its skirmishing with the armed services' manpower needs.

Sidetracking all other matter, the committee outlined as its two-fold objective the prompt enactment of legislation giving fathers draft deferment priorities, and a thorough investigation of deferrals for government workers.

Rep. Costello (D-Calif.) called a meeting of a special subcommittee appointed yesterday to study the extent of deferrals among civilian workers and employees in industries operating under government contract.

The investigation was ordered on motion of Rep. Harness (R-Ind.), who declared that approximately 1,000,000 male civilian government workers of draft age have not been called for induction.

"You see them walking all around Washington and filling the offices set up all over town," the Indiana said. "Maybe they have been deferred for good and sufficient cause, and maybe they haven't. But at a time when we are talking about inducing fathers, I think we ought to find out how many of these government workers are so essential they cannot be spared for the army or the navy."

Would Limit Sale of Shoes to Customer

Washington, Feb. 24—(AP)—Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown asked stores today to limit the sale of non-rationed shoes to one pair to a customer.

Brown said that with the removal of play shoes from rationing, beginning tomorrow, he hoped stores and the public would cooperate so the available supply will go "only to those who really need them."

The shoes exempted from rationing include ski and skate shoes, gym and tennis shoes, bathing slippers, locker sandals and various kinds of other play shoes.

Also exempted are all types of baby shoes size 4 or smaller.

Medical Men Believe Gandhi Will Survive

Poona, India, Feb. 24—(AP)—Mahatma K. Gandhi whose life was almost despaired of four days ago is now expected by authoritative medical sources to live through the remaining six days of his 21 day fast.

While the 73-year-old Indian leader, fasting in a demand for unconditional release from his prison in the Aga Khan palace, grows a little weaker each day, he was more cheerful on this 15th foodless day. He also was suffering less acute distress.

Friends felt their constant prayers were being answered.

Authoritative medical sources, while recognizing the possibility of a new crisis, declared, "there is no reason why he should not manage six days more."

Visitors said Gandhi's voice seemed stronger and that he was so sure he would live that he already was planning what he would do when his fast is ended.

CHURCHILL RECOVERING

London, Feb. 24—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, who has been kept to his bed by acute catarrh, was reported well on the way to recovery today. His temperature was normal and he was said to have had a good night.

Ignores Injury



JANE FROMAN, radio singer, who was identified by her husband, Donald Ross, in New York as the Jean Froman listed as injured in the crash of the Yankee Clipper. Ignoring pain, she wanted to return to ship to find a missing companion.

Chinese Claim Local Victories Against Japs

Chungking, Feb. 24—(AP)—Local successes for Chinese forces battling Japanese offensives along the Middle Yangtze Huping province and in Kwangtung province in the far south were announced today by the Chinese high command.

In Huping the Japanese garrisons of two towns, Liuchianheng and Pailechow, were wiped out or put to flight, the communiqué said, while a Japanese column was thrust back along the north bank of the Yangtze.

A soldier who didn't show up for roll call would land in the guard house.

I don't see any reason why the government, since it can't put a civil worker in the guard-house, shouldn't transfer him to the Army—which can and will.

Two Japanese columns attempting to resume an advance toward Kao'an, in Kiangsi province south of the Yangtze, have been turned back, the communiqué said.

FBI Arrests Pete Norris and Couple

Little Rock, Feb. 24—(AP)—Using aids ranging from an airplane to bloodhounds, the law has captured T. C. ("Pete") Norris, last of the Sonny Lamb gang, near Kennebunk, Maine, the FBI reported here.

His younger brother, Jean Paul, and the latter's girl friend, Jeanette Elizabeth Lyle, 16, were taken at the same time, the FBI said.

Officers reconnoitered the trio's farm hideout from an airplane then closed in in automobiles. They attempted to escape but their car wrecked and they were quickly overtaken by bloodhounds.

Both Norris brothers are wanted for a number of crimes in the southwest and the girl was charged in Houston Feb. 6 with harboring them, the FBI said.

The older brother escaped from a Texas prison farm in March, 1942 where he was serving sentence totaling more than 400 years. His criminal records date to 1935. In 1937 he was seriously wounded at Rogers, Ark., when state police were cleaning up the Lamb gang.

Paul was arrested in Sulphur, Okla., last July, made bond to face armed robbery charges and then failed to appear in court in Houston on Feb. 3.

Senate Votes Tax Reduction Measure

Little Rock, Feb. 24—(AP)—In its first tax-reduction move, the Senate voted today to repeal all laws levying neper capita road taxes.

The tax varies in different countries and must be approved by the people at each general election.

Usually it is \$3 a year. In Pulaski county it is \$4.

The repealer was offered by Sen. George Houston, Heber Springs, who said the tax was not universally collected and was unpopular.

An effort to reduce the penalty for drunken driving was defeated by three votes.

The Senate spent most of the morning passing non-controversial local bills.

In the 35-year period ending in 1935, twelve years were added to the average expectation of life at birth in the United States.

Springfield, Mass. (AP)—Spencer Abbott, manager of the Williamsport club in the Eastern League the past two years, will mastermind the local entry this year.

Reds Advance in Ukraine, Start Drive to Kiev

—Europe

By EDDY GILMORE
Moscow, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Red Army smashed deeper today into the northern Ukraine northwest of Kharkov where the capture of Sumy, Lebedin and Alchtyrka fashioned a Soviet bludgeon aimed at Kiev and the important railway junction of Konoply.

Today's midday communiqué said more strongly fortified settlements were captured as Russian soldiers, racing along muddy roads and across barren black fields, struck west of Sumy, 100 miles northwest of Kharkov, 75 miles southeast of Konoply and 195 miles east of Kiev.

A water barrier also was forced and about 600 Germans killed in the capture of a number of towns north of Kursk, where it was announced last night the Russians had driven to within 40 miles of Orel from the south with the capture of Malozhankelsk.

Soviet tanks bearing automatic guns followed by infantry surged westward in spite of spring thaws as the drive proceeded northwest of Kharkov on a 42-mile front, with Sumy at the north end of the line, Alchtyrka at the south end and Lebedin in the center.

Soldiers and drivers discarded their fur hats and coats to cool their steaming faces in the warm wind blowing from the Dnieper.

In their wake peasants were digging out buried grain and hidden goods and waved joyfully at mud-plastered tanks as they prepared to get spring planting underway in the rich area.

On other sectors of the long front the Red Army was actively pressing its campaign. Tass dispatch said the "final outcome is nearing in the Caucasus" and "the offensive in the Donets basin is gradually coming to a head."

Soviet dispatches did not mention any fighting in the north, but a DNB broadcast from Berlin said the Russians had launched a "major attack on a wide front" with strong tank and artillery support southeast of Lake Ilmen yesterday. The broadcast said 37 Russian tanks were destroyed.

But in the Donets basin strong German counterattacks were noted in the Soviet early communiqué, while Soviet troops forging west of Rostov engaged in hand-to-hand fighting to occupy a fortified town.

The Germans concentrated large tanks and mobile infantry in the Krasnoarmeisk area north of Stalin, in the Donets basin, in an attempt to reestablish severe communications arteries, the war bulletin said.

The series of attacks which began Sunday and continued through yesterday was reported in Navy communiqué No. 201:

"South Pacific: (All dates are
1. On February 21st:

"(A) During the morning, Japanese planes carried out a light raid on United States positions on Espiritu Santo island in the New Hebrides.

"(B) During the afternoon, Avenger torpedo planes (Grumman TBF) and Dauntless dive bombers (Douglas), with fighter escort, attacked Japanese positions at Munda. Several fires were started in the target area.

"(C) During the night of February 21st-22nd, Japanese planes raided United States positions at Tulagi in the Nggela group of the Solomon Islands.

"2. On February 22:

"(A) United States search plane, operating near Choiseul Island, scored bomb hits on an enemy barge loaded with Japanese soldiers.

"(B) During the late afternoon, Corsairs (Bell P-39), Lightning (Vought F4U) and Dauntless dive bombers (Douglas), with fighter escort, attacked Japanese positions at Munda. Several fires were started in the target area.

"(C) During the night of February 23rd-24th, Liberators heavy bombers (Consolidated PB4Y) bombed enemy positions at Vila and at Matanikau in the New Georgia group. All United States planes returned."

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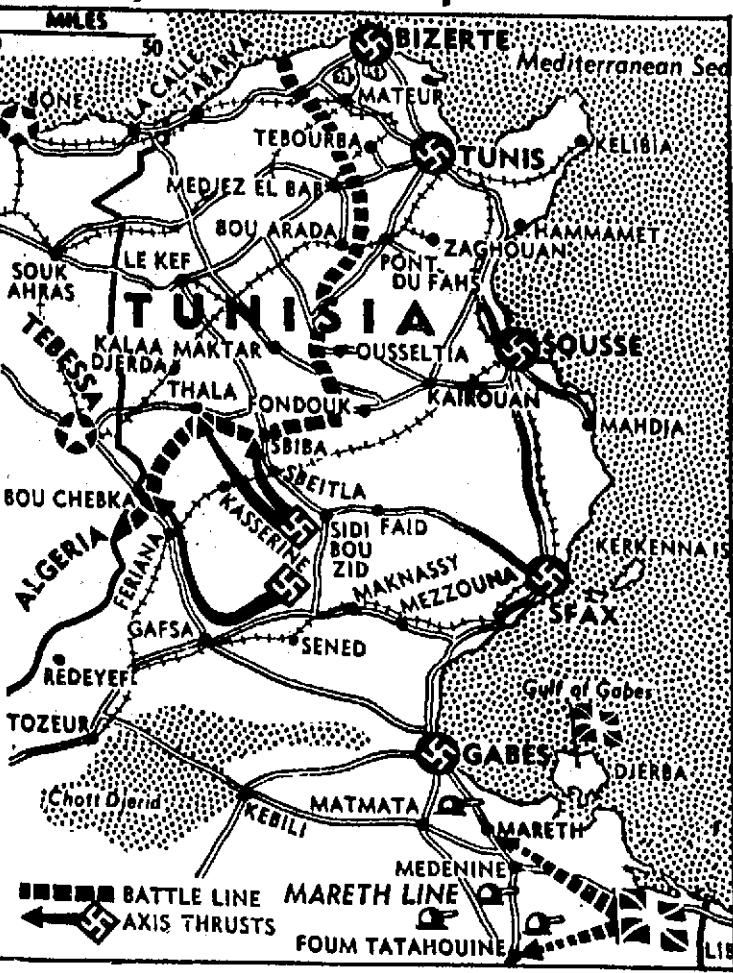
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Today's War Map



Today's war map shows the Allied line holding as the Nazis thrust toward British-American positions at Tebessa, Thala, Shiba. Eighth Army moves toward Mareth in the south.

Allies, Japs Swap Air Blows in Pacific

Washington, Feb. 24—(AP)—Furious bombing of air bases and ground positions in the South Pacific was reported by the Navy today, in telling of a Japanese air raid on the United States base on Espiritu Santo island and five United States aerial attacks on Japan.

This became known today when it was learned the virtually dormant Democratic steering committee in the House had come to life for a cardsharp session with James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director who operates from the White House, and Prestiss Brown, the price administrator.

"From now on the steering committee is going to steer," remarked one western member who attended the conference which took place yesterday.

Another member disclosed there had been a thorough discussion of all the "irritating" problems—food rationing, manpower, farm labor shortages, and the war in general.

"We talked about most everything to help the war effort, and we talked about congress and politics," another conferee explained.

"It was thought that if we understood each other, that in congress and the agency heads, we could do a better job. I think we did a lot of good."

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Applicants to drill on fractional units are E. C. Johnston (47 acres), Midstate Oil Corp., and Robt. A. Stacy (42 acres) and Robert A. Stacy (73 acres).

New York (AP)—Just before the Fritz Zivie-Beau Jack fight here recently, Fritz's brother Jack decided to take a nap. He woke up the next morning in his hotel room without seeing the fight.

Portugal is about the size of Maine with 7,500,000 inhabitants.

Hurled Back 14 Miles by Allies After Big Fight

—Africa

Wooden Guns Astound Most Congressmen

Washington, Feb. 24—(AP)—An astounded Congress, which has appropriated billions for artillery that speaks with authority, waited with mixed emotions today while one of its members composed a bill or something to outlaw the use of wooden guns and dummy soldiers for its own protection.

Representative Cooley, North Carolina Democrat, who ascended to the roof of the House Office Building and discovered that the anti-aircraft "guns" there were made of wood and manned by rag doll soldiers in dunes, was determined to do something about it.

With some heat, he said his action might take the form of a suggestion to the House Military and Naval Committees that they write into all future appropriations a clause barring use of any of the funds for such "decoy soldiers and dummy guns." Or it might be a separate measure in itself.

For the War Department's explanation that the use of dummy gun emplacements to confuse enemy agents was standard military strategy failed to ease the mind of Cooley—an old duck hunter.

"When I place out decoys, I expect to attract ducks," he told his colleagues in disclosing his discoveries, "and when I place out decoy soldiers and decoy guns, I would expect to attract enemy planes."

"In high heavens, why have they been placed over our head?" he asked his colleagues as they considered a billion dollar naval shore construction bill, which he said causally he hoped wouldn't provide cash "for painted ships upon painted oceans—or for wooden gun emplacements."

Representative Bender, Ohio Republican, and Henry Griffin, Associated Press photographer, confirmed Cooley's story with a trip to the rooftop and pictures of the dummy guns and gunners, which look so realistic that they have sent many a shiver up the spines of capital sightseers.</

Food Shortage in India Dangerous As Political Crisis

**Analysis of
the News by
Mackenzie**

**Editorial Comment
Written Today and
Moved by Telegraph
or Cable.**

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

India's political monsoon, which not only is tearing at British-Indian relations but menaces the Allied cause, is rushing towards a fresh complication which presents a greater potential danger than any thing that has developed thus far.

That is the food shortage. Should hunger and its weight to a political upheaval which already has produced disorders and bloodshed, the consequences might be disastrous.

The crisis is expected about April—the between-crop season when flour bins are low at best. The government speaks optimistically and has ordered grain from Australia and Canada. But those countries are a long haul away, through submarine infested waters, and I found widespread anxiety in India.

Now when you talk about a scar city of food in that huge subcontinent, with its swarming population of 400,000,000, you are dealing with something which could have no counterpart in our own well-fed western world. You have to see India to understand.

You must know that the vast majority of that country's millions always are hungry—literally hungry. And if their already pitifully slender supplies are further shortened by misfortune, they are looking straight into the sunken eyes of starvation.

The hunger which provides some of the fiercest impulses of mankind is likely to be particularly poignant in a land where so many are primitive folk. India's people are normally peaceful minded but her vast illiterate masses, as in other countries, think with their bellies.

It's undoubtedly true that many of these humble tillers of the soil are unconcerned over the present

political upheaval. Either they haven't heard of it or, if they have, it has no meaning for their untaught minds.

It's equally true that even Mahatma Gandhi's death as the result of his hungerstrike might leave large numbers little moved, because their acquaintances are limited by the boundaries of their own tiny villages. But hunger arouses passions which knows no bounds.

Expressions of deep concern regarding the food situation came to me from many informed quarters. One of these was India's most famous liberal, Sir Taj Bahadur Sapru, the noted lawyer who is heading the group of 200 Indian personages seeking to secure Mahatma Gandhi's release from in-carceration.

I want you to read what Sir Taj said to me on this subject as we sat in his residence in the ancient city of Allahabad.

When Sapru speaks, India listens.

"We are faced with a situation today which is even more dangerous than the political crisis," he declared, "and the two may become merged unless drastic action is taken to prevent it."

"In order to understand the position, you must know that 72 percent of our 400,000,000 people are dependent on agriculture and that the average farmer of our 700,000 villages (seven hundred thousand is the almost unbelievable but correct figure) doesn't get enough to eat. You must see these villages to understand. You can't judge this country by those who live in western style.

"Some time ago several of my friends, including the late Lord Lothian, who died while serving as British ambassador at Washington expressed a desire to see something of village life. So I sent them out without special guides in order that they might investigate after their own fashion. When they returned I asked them what they had found and they replied.

"It's awful."

"They had seen the farmer toiling ineffectively with antiquated methods on soil which was tired from centuries of tilling. They had seen the little mud huts, dirty and without sanitation. They had seen the naked children. And everywhere were signs of lack of food.

"So the people never get enough to eat, and right now the position is much worse than usual. The food situation is very bad and unless something is done without delay to provide food, there might be bread riots.

"The new harvest is due in April or May. What is to be done meantime? Designing people may exploit the situation and give it political turn."

Later I followed Sir Taj's tip and saw village life for myself. I can say of no better description for what I found than the words employed by his friends: "It's awful!"

And this condition exists in a country where there are many ruling princes so rich that they don't know the extent of their own fortunes.

The food shortage is due to several causes, among which are these:

(1) Hoarding for a rise in price.

(2) Bad distribution.

(3) Cessation of imports, especially from Japanese occupied Burma which has furnished the bulk of India's rice. This is the staple Indian food.

(4) The necessity of feeding Indian forces abroad and caring for hundreds of thousands of refugees from Burma.

One expert expressed the view that food might have to be sent from America.

As the ground fighting died down at least temporarily some observers suggested that Rommel might be forced to abandon Kasserine Pass itself as the result of the severe punishment taken by his troops and equipment.

The pass itself was under almost ceaseless attack by bombers and fighters and many enemy vehicles were reported destroyed there before reaching the field of battle.

Six tanks and ten trucks were reportedly destroyed Monday by Boston bombers.

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It was pointed out also that Rommel is racing against time because sooner or later, he will have to send some of his tank strength south to deal with the British Eighth Army, which was reported building up its attacking strength in the shadow of the Mareth line.

Washington, Feb. 24—(AP)—A slight reduction in the next sugar ration will entitle each person to five pounds for the 11-week period beginning March 16. This compares with the former basic ration

of one-half pound per person per week.

Stamp No. 11, good for three pounds, becomes invalid March 15.

In establishing the 5-pound ration for stamp No. 12, OPA said the larger package would save manpower and require less handling.

Wheat closed at the day's high, up 38-1 cent, May \$1.42 12-58.

July \$1.43-\$1.43 1-8, corn was unchanged at ceilings, May \$1.00.

Oats declined 18-14 and rye finished on gains of 18-38.

Corn No. 2 yellow 1.00 12-01; No. 3, 94 12-100 12; No. 4, 90-00, sample grade yellow 52-98; No. 3 white 1.14; No. 4, 110-113 12.

Oats sample grade mixed 57 14; No. 1 white 62; No. 2, 62; No. 4, 58 14.

Barley malting 88-1.06 nom; feed 72-84 nom; No. 3 malting 97.

Hurled Back
(Continued From Page One)

plane at his disposal against the battered and retreating Germans.

They turned the road from Thala through the Kasserine valley walled by 4,000 and 5,000-foot mountains, into a veritable hell of exploding bombs and machine-gun fire.

Even Flying Fortresses, usually used only for heavy bombardment of airfields and ports, joined in the attacks, smashing tons of bombs on the roads along which Rommel was attempting to withdraw.

Pilots of both the RAF and the American airforce report great damage was done to the retreating forces.

It appeared Rommel had suf-

fered the same fate as the French forces in the Battle of the Marne.

Otherwise, Rommel had suffered a similar fate as the Germans in the Battle of the Marne.

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Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor
Phone 768 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Social Calendar

Wednesday, February 24th
Mrs. Paul Casey and Mrs. W. O. Beene will be hostesses to members of the Lilac Garden club at the home of Mrs. Casey, 3 o'clock.

Thursday, February 25th
B. and P. W. club members will do volunteer work at the Surgical Dressing rooms, 7:30 o'clock.
Announcement

The meeting of the Eastern Star announced for Thursday, February 25 has been postponed.

In the reception rooms were noted arrangements for Forsythia and Jonquils.

Friday, February 26th

The Service class of the First Christian church, Mrs. Floyd Porterfield, teacher will meet at the church recreational room for party, 8 o'clock.

Women interested in studying for Nurses Aides will register with Mrs. Young Foster at the city hall, 9:30 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5:30 p. m.

Tuesday Club Meets with Mrs. R. V. Herndon, Sr.

Mrs. Tom Kinger and Mrs. Terrell Cornelius were guests other than the club at the meeting of the Tuesday Contract Bridge club at the home of Mrs. R. V. Herndon Monday afternoon.

After spirited games prizes were awarded Mrs. Cornelius for the guests and Mrs. L. W. Young for the club.

The hostess served a delectable desert course.

Ricky Forster is Feted at Birthday Party

Celebrating his fifth birthday, Master Ricky Forster was host to 20 young friends at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. L. W. Young, Tuesday afternoon.

The "merry-go-round" theme was carried out in the dining room appointments where birthday cake was served with ice cream. The madera-covered table was centered with a merry-go-round confection with red, white and blue streamers extending to the ends of the table. Favors of animal cracklers for each guest were tied to the streamers.

Games and contests were enjoyed during the hour and interesting group pictures were taken.

Master Forster invited the following friends to share the occasion: Michael McGibbons, Bill Bridges, Jerry Johnson, Lyman Armstrong, Giannine and Al Graves, William Perkins, Dick Bronch, Dorsey McRae III, Gail Cook, Billy Wray, Mary Lewis, Jimmy Haynes, Julia and George Peck, Tiny and "Rufus" Herdien, Shelly Foster, Caryl Yontz, Judy Watkins, Freddie Jones, Betsy and Carolyn Spears, Carolyn Story, Sandra Robins, Roberta Howard, Jan Robison, Carolyn Lewallen, and Bill Thomas.

Assisting in caring for the guests were Mrs. George Robison, Mrs. Dorsey McRae, Jr., Mrs. P. A.

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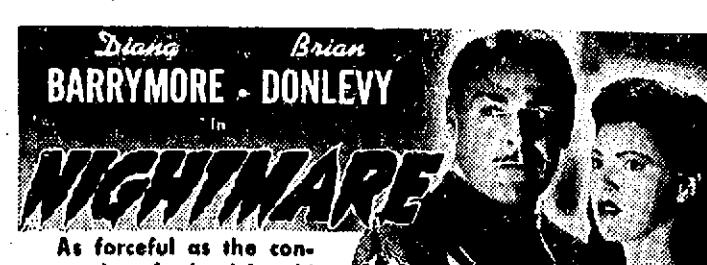
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Julie Bishop

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"Lady Gangster"

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist



Lewis, Mrs. George Peck, Mrs. R. Forster, and Mrs. L. W. Young.

Lula McSwain W. C. C. S. Meets in Emmet

Mrs. S. M. Pankey was hostess to the Lula McSwain Women's Society of Christian Service at her home in Emmet recently. Prunings of early spring blossoms were arranged at vantage points in the entertaining rooms.

Leader of the society, Mrs. T. L. Garland talked on "Peace, Just and Enduring". Parts of interest were given by Mrs. Rainy Garland, Mrs. Herman Reyenga, Mrs. J. M. Johnson, and Mrs. M. Crumby.

During the business hour, Mrs. J. M. Johnson, president, reminded members of the rummage sale to be held Saturday, February 27. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Jack Pankey and Mrs. Sam Townsend, served delightful refreshments.

Coming and Going

Capt. and Mrs. Carl T. Schooley of Panama, Canal Zone will arrive today for a visit with Capt. Schooley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Schooley, and other relatives and friends. Capt. Schooley has been stationed in Panama for the past two and a half years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Murphy are home from a trip to Baltimore, Md. and Chicago, Ill. While in Baltimore, there were guests of Lee Roy Murphy who is stationed there.

Mrs. C. A. Haynes, vice regent of the Arkansas Society, DAR, and Mrs. Richard Thompson, who served her mother as a page, were John Cain delegates to the state convention held in West Memphis, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Jim Houston and Mrs. Tom Purvis also attended the convention.

Mrs. Annie Mae White and son, Alfred, have returned from Ft. Worth, where they spent the past two weeks with their son and brother, Lt. Vaughn Ray Woodard, member of the Army Air Corps stationed in South Texas. They were guests of Mrs. James Vaughn and Mrs. F. M. Velvin.

Personal
Friends of Mrs. E. P. Young will be glad to know that she is rapidly recovering from a recent illness at her home on South Main street.

Communicates
Dorsey Fuller, who is stationed with the U. S. army at Camp Hulen, Texas, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fuller, 609 South Main street. From Camp Hulen, Sgt. Fuller will go to Camp Davis, North Carolina to enter officers training school.

Today in Congress
By The Associated Press
Senate

In recess until Thursday. Public Lands committee consider nomination of Michael W. Straus as first assistant secretary of interior.

Finance subcommittee hears General Illes on veterans' legislation.

Judiciary subcommittee consider U. S. employees making \$4,500 or more.

House
Receives first regular deficiency appropriation bill.

Military committee starts investigation of draft deferment of federal worker.

Ways and Means subcommittee continues work on pay-as-you go tax bill.

SERIAL STORY

THE TERRIBLE EYE

BY EDWIN RUTT

GHOST OF OLD SMOKEY

CHAPTER XVII

INSIDE the bottle there was a liquid known as Old Smoky, a distillation much in vogue along the Brooklyn waterfront. Its effect was not unlike a tap on the jaw from Joe Louis.

The depth charge improved Mr. Slynenski's outlook vastly. He began bumbling about the grounds of Wildover.

He arrived presently at a peculiar-looking building. Even in the gloom the place had the appearance of an extravaganza in hot dog stands. The structure offered sanctuary from the mild chill of the night. He tried the door. To his gratification, it was unlocked. Mr. Slynenski entered.

The room in which he stood was well-furnished. There were easy chairs, rugs and, at one side, a bookcase.

Someone, Mr. Slynenski perceived, had set up a small movie screen. And across the room, on a low table near the bookcase, was a queer-looking cameralelike machine. It differed from a camera, however, by virtue of a small set of coils at one side of it.

Mr. Slynenski was a born tinkerer. Shielding his flashlight with one hand, he advanced to the cameralelike arrangement. He twisted a knob here, a gadget there. All at once, the coils gave off a tiny shower of blue sparks. Light appeared on the movie screen. Hastily Mr. Slynenski turned off the machine.

The simple pleasure of home movies denied him, Mr. Slynenski sank into a chair. But he could not relax. Then, suddenly, he thought of the bookcase.

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IN the main, Mr. Slynenski eschewed reading. An occasional dip into Daily Racing Form was enough to satisfy his literary cravings. But now time hung upon his hands. Covering his torch with one great paw so that only a trickle of light emerged, he selected a book at random.

Without glancing at the title, he opened it in the middle and forthwith, laboriously, began to read.

That a manifestation of ectoplasm, a white vaporous substance not unlike mist normally precedes the return of a departed spirit is accepted by the highest authorities.

Many such instances have been recorded. But perhaps the

New York, Feb. 24 -- (P) -- Just to start an argument Francis J. Berlanti, who hasn't missed major sports event since Ben Braden won the all derby, started the other day to pick the best fighters he does to an American leaguer from an eminent National League man. And if there is any better judge of baseball ability than Rickey, Mr. Sam Breadon of the St. Louis Cardinals would like to get in touch with him immediately.

Here to talk contract terms with some of his players as the new president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Rickey nominated DiMaggio as the most versatile of them all.

Branch warmed up to his subject as he asked question and answered them himself. "Who can outwit Joe?" he queried. "Who can outwit him? Who out hit him, consistently and for distance? Why, nobody I ever saw. Some players excelled DiMaggio in some departments of the game. None, within my recollection, and it goes back quite a while was better in all departments."

"In my lifetime I never saw a ball player superior to him, and that goes for Ty Cobb and all the other great ones."

"On any one day, against the same pitch with the same ball, in the same park and under identical conditions, DiMaggio would outperform the best in my memory."

Rickey cited DiMaggio's all-time major league average of .341, the first he collected 206 hits his first complete season (1936) with the Yankees, his 1937 season in which he led the American League in home runs, 46, in runs scored, 151, in total bases, and in total putouts by outfielders, 413. "And he led his league in 1939 and 1940 in batting with .381 and .352," Rickey pointed out.

Only in base stealing, said Rickey, is DiMaggio inferior to some of the stars of yesterday, "and even in a sprint he could outrun most of them."

"Have you ever been lost in the army's new pentagon building?" was the first one.

Patterson chuckled:

"Yes, every time I get three doors away from my office!"

Rationing Cut

Naugatuck, Conn.—Joseph Klov, who received 17 number one ration books last May, applied for the number two books, but said he only wanted 15.

"Two of my eight boys have joined the armed forces," he told registrars, "and now I have only my wife, six sons and seven girls home with me."

He agreed to return the number one books issued to the two boys now in the service.

Fashion Note

Chicago — Mrs. Pearle A. Reinhard, who designed safety caps for women in war work, says girls can't look glamorous wearing them—but some of them try.

"They try to look glamorous and adjust them, so that their pompadour shows," she said. "This defeats the purpose of the cap which was designed to safeguard hair from machinery."

British farmers have increased their production of fodstuff by more than 6,000 tons annually.

Up-to-Date Traveling

Waynesboro, Pa. — Remember the horse and buggy? Well—now it's the horse and station wagon.

H. N. Beohner fitted a wagon bed on an auto chassis and installed 24 seats. The vehicle carries him and fellow members of the Waynesboro country club to and from social events.

Horsepower rating: Two bay mares.

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long dark curtains was moving, rippling. And suddenly a dry scream tore itself from the back of Douglas Cotterby's throat.

Douglas Cotterby was alleged to have murdered his wife, Anastasia, with a meat cleaver. But at the local assizes a jury, considering the evidence insufficient, returned a verdict of not guilty. Douglas Cotterby walked out, a free man.

Something white and insubstantial, like a ghostly feeler, was emerging from behind the curtain. It seemed to leap across the room, wavering tenuously in the uncertain light from the fireplace. Douglas Cotterby, his face ghastly, could only watch as, slowly and inexorably, the thing resolved itself into a spectral and reaching hand...

Joe the Cracker gasped, and grabbed for Old Smoky. He took a prodigious drink. But, about to set the bottle down, he paused. His vision was cloudy and his brain slightly bemused. Even so, he was aware of light in the room, more light than could come from a partially blacked-out pocket torch.

Wondering, the Cracker turned his head. The next instant he gave a hoarse yell and leaped up.

A spectral hand was reaching toward him.

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LIKE the fabled lotus, Old Smoky had the power to induce forgetfulness. The libations that Mr. Slynenski had taken had obliterated from his mind all memory of the movie screen; of the camera on the low table. Further, he was quite unaware that his hand had brushed a little knob in the camera and set in operation the working model of a device known as the Terrible Eye. And he could not, of course, have been expected to know that the Terrible Eye, strangely enough, was bringing in a picture of the arm and hand of Miss Meath, stretching smakily for a \$40,000 tara from behind the curtain in the den of Henry L. Channing.

None of this formed part of Mr. Slynenski's working knowledge. All he knew was that the same thing that had happened to Douglas Cotterby, adept with a meat cleaver, was now happening substantially to him. And there seemed but one thing to do about it. That, in the words of Kipling, was to arise and get hence.

Mr. Slynenski had already arisen. Now he got hence.

He sailed through the door of the Taj Mahal at a pace that would have shamed a Mac-Mitchell. He skimmed over the grass like an outsize in hedge-hopping swallows. He put distance between himself and that ghastly clutching hand. And then, he made a fatal mistake. Like Lot's wife, he turned.

The windows had been closed, against the storm. Yet—incredible circumstance!—one of the

times—was moving behind him.

Something white was moving behind him.

(To Be Continued)

Three Year-Olds Feature Spa Meet Today

Hot Springs, Feb. 24 -- (P) -- Six good three-year-olds of the allowance class will compete in a six furlong sprint for the Twin Oaks purse in today's featured sixth card at Oaklawn.

All are eligible for the Arkansas derby.

Says Utilities Group Simply Echo of APL

Little Rock, Feb. 22 — (AP) — Challenging the State Utilities Department with being "simply an echo for the wishes of the Arkansas Power and Light Company" Senator Tom Lovett, Starkey, a leader of the powerful Senate economy bloc, today called on Governor Adkins to submit to the Senate for confirmation the appointment of A. B. Hill as a member of the Utilities commission.

Lovett, in a prepared reply to a message delivered personally to the Senate Friday by Governor Adkins, said Hill had been appointed to the commission in 1941 but had not been confirmed.

"I would like for the governor to submit Mr. Hill's name to the Senate so that we may have an opportunity to discuss with him in detail his qualifications."

"So far as I know the present department is simply an echo for the wishes of the Arkansas Power and Light Co.," Lovett said. "If this statement does not anger Justice Hill I would like for Commissioner Hill to have the opportunity to explain the attitude of the department in detail to the Senate."

The governor said "I do not propose to let the efficiency of this department be destroyed without placing the responsibility squarely with you." I say to you that the responsibility of the white-washing of the activities of the Arkansas Power and Light Company lies squarely upon the Department of Public Utilities and the governor of this state."

Lovett showed no disposition to accede to Adkins' request that the Senate reinstate \$25,000 it cut from the Utilities Department appropriation.

Discussing a \$6,000-a-year attorney in the department, Lovett said the agency never hired a special lawyer before April 16, 1941, and had "had absolutely no cases in the state supreme court during this period of employment of a special counsel." The attorney is P. A. Lasley although Lovett did not refer to him by name.

Two bills sponsored by the Federal Housing Administration passed the Senate without argument. One would extend the life of housing authorities for the duration of the war and the other would let county authorities expand to a regional basis.

The Senate completed action on a House bill permitting employment of relatives of school board members by a school district upon petition of 50 per cent of the district's patrons.

A House bill by Representative Kemp Toney, (Jefferson county) raising the Jefferson coroner's salary from \$75 to \$100 a month also passed.

The Senate defeated 14-12 a proposed constitutional amendment which would have authorized school districts to vote an additional nine mills property tax to pay off indebtedness. Clyde Byrd, El Dorado and G. W. Lookadoo, Arkadelphia, argued that no constitutional amendments should be submitted during the war because many citizens could not vote.

The Senate refused to take the afternoon off in celebration of Washington's birthday, and even cut short its normal noon recess in order to speed up its work.

Hollywood

By ROBBIN COONS
Wide World Features Writer

Hollywood — Finale of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" is sung by Alton Jones to big pre-view applause.

It's "The Yanks Are Coming Again" that Harry Seymour song mentioned here a year ago when Harry first wrote it.

It has taken that long for the catchy piece to make the screen which frequently means making the grade. Harry's lyrics and M. Jerome's music are featured in a new one "My Boy." You'll be hearing it — I'm as sure of that as they are — but how soon nobody can say.

A lot of people have the notion that song writing once you're in Hollywood is a cinch. The writing may be but the publishing isn't. Songs ordered for a particular spot in a film are one thing. Songs written just for themselves are a couple of others.

"It's no good to send a song by mail to the publishers" says Jerome. "They're always getting swamped with stuff that way and it doesn't make any impression. They've got to be shown and they've got to know a song has gone over before they'll be interested. So all you can do is try to get a name band or a name singer to introduce it for you."

"And hope it goes" puts in Seymour. "You never can tell."

If music publishers have to be shown there's plenty of current evidence that the movie companies are equally skeptical.

The evidence is in the plethora of nostalgic musicals now on the stages or already screening. We have Alice Faye one of the best song-pluggers around putting over songs that were plugged to success in Grandma's day. In "Hello Frisco Hello" (the one about the musical boy and girl who love quartet part and make up in the finale that one again) there are 14 or 15 old-time songs and just one new tune "You'll Never Know." Among the sure fire hits, time tested are "Bedelia" "Bird in a Gilded Cage" "Strike Up the Band" "Anybody Here Seen Kelly?" and "Pony Boy."

The American production of magnesium in 1943 will be 100 times as great as it was in 1939, it has been estimated.

United States of America

Office of Price Administration

OFFICIAL TABLE OF POINT VALUES FOR PROCESSED FOODS

No. 1—Effective March 1, 1943

Pursuant to Ration Order Number 13

FLUIDS (1 pint = 1 pound
1 quart = 2 pounds)

POINT VALUES

WEIGHT OVER INCLUDING	Over 0 Including 4 oz.	Over 4 oz. Including 7 oz.	Over 7 oz. Including 10 oz.	Over 10 oz. Including 14 oz.	Over 14 oz. Including 1 lb. 2 oz.	Over 1 lb. 2 oz. Including 1 lb. 6 oz.	Over 1 lb. 6 oz. Including 1 lb. 11 oz.	Over 1 lb. 11 oz. Including 2 lb.	Over 2 lb. Including 2 lb. 4 oz.	Over 2 lb. 4 oz. Including 2 lb. 8 oz.	Over 2 lb. 8 oz. Including 2 lb. 12 oz.	Over 2 lb. 12 oz. Including 3 lb.	Over 3 lb. Including 3 lb. 4 oz.	Over 3 lb. 4 oz. Including 3 lb. 8 oz.	Over 3 lb. 8 oz. Including 3 lb. 12 oz.	Over 3 lb. 12 oz. Including 4 lb.	PER LB.	
FRUITS AND FRUIT JUICES Canned and Bottled (including Spiced Fruits)																		
APPLES (including Crabapples)	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8	
APPLESAUCE	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8	
APRICOTS	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13	
BERRIES—all varieties	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
CHERRIES, red sour pitted	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
CHERRIES, other	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
CRANBERRIES and SAUCE	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
FRUITS FOR SALAD and FRUIT COCKTAIL	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
GRAPEFRUIT	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8	
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8	
GRAPE JUICE	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8	
PEACHES	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
PEARS	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
PINEAPPLE	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13	
PINEAPPLE JUICE	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
All other canned and bottled fruits, fruit juices, and combinations	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8	
Frozen																		
CHERRIES	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13	
PEACHES	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13	
STRAWBERRIES	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13	
BERRIES, Other	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13	
All other frozen fruits	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13	
Dried and Dehydrated																		
PRUNES	3	8	11	15	20	25	31	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	73	78	20	
RAISINS	3	8	11	15	20	25	31	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	73	78	20	
All others	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8	
VEGETABLES AND VEGETABLE JUICES																		
Canned and Bottled																		
ASPARAGUS	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
BEANS, FRESH LIMA	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13	
BEANS, GREEN and WAX	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11	
BEANS, all canned and bottled dry varieties including Baked Beans, Soaked Dry Beans, Pork and Beans, Kidney Beans, and Lentils	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8	
BEETS (including pickled)	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17									

Nurse's Aide Corps Recruits Sought Friday

The Volunteer Nurse's Aide Corps, Hempstead County Chapter, American Red Cross, have given to hospital and health clinics over 1,700 hours of volunteer service since completion of their training Sept. 4, 1942. The corps consists of the following:

Mrs. Jack Atkins, Miss Ruth Baker, Mrs. Geo. Dodds, Mrs. Cline Franks, Mrs. Ernest W. Graham, Mrs. Frank Howson, Mrs. W. B. Mason, Mrs. B. B. McPherson, Mrs. Ernest O'Neal, Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Mrs. Alvin Robertson, Miss Hazel Watkins, Miss Roxie Watkins.

Mrs. Frank Howson is the first Aide to complete the required 100 hours of training and to receive the Service Stripe. To receive a service stripe, an aide must give 150 hours of volunteer service after she has finished her training.

An Aide is assigned to duty in accordance with the needs to local hospital and hospital clinics, and to official and voluntary public health nursing agencies, industrial health clinics and school health services where a registered nurse is in charge. Mrs. W. B. Mason, Mrs. Cline Franks, Mrs. Ernest W. Graham, Mrs. Ernest O'Neal and Miss Hazel Watkins have also won the Service Stripe, announces Mrs. John Vesey, Chairman of Nurse's Aides.

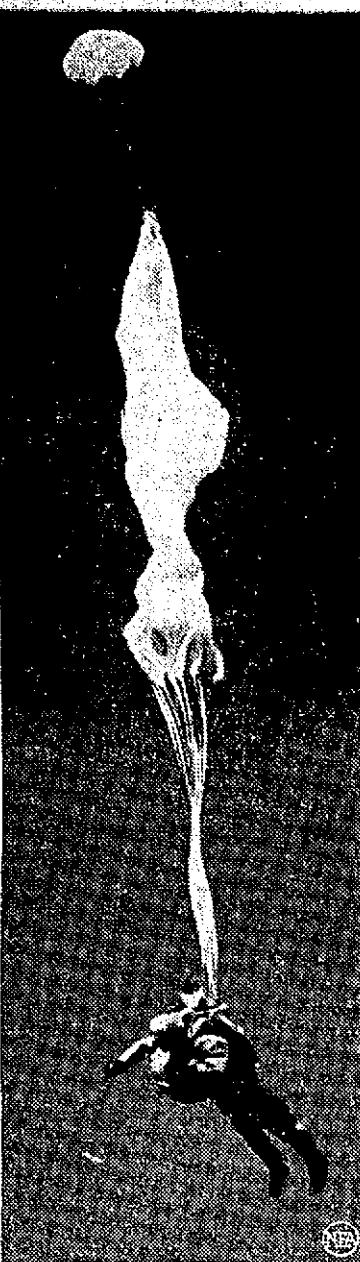
These women give devoted service to their work, as they play an all-important part in our war effort. Their work is amply rewarded by the satisfaction of knowing that they are sharing in the most civilized of human endeavors, the relief of human suffering.

The County needs more Nurse's Aides, says Mrs. Vesey, and the committee urges the women of this community to find the time . . . Give it Now . . . Help Save Many Lives. Enroll immediately as a Volunteer Nurse's Aide of the American Red Cross.

Friday, Feb. 26th at the city hall, council room, Mrs. Young Foster, chairman, and the recruiting committee will be on duty to enroll all new members for training in the class that is to begin at an early date.

Mrs. Elizabeth Woolson, Super-

Pair-a 'Chutes



(Navy Photo from NEA)
Pilot 'chute pulls out main paracutie just after Navy rigger pulls the rip cord in test jump at Corpus Christi, Tex., training station.

Deaths Last Night

By The Associated Press

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 24 (AP)—Dr. William Fletcher Smith, 58, retired educator and writer, died last night. Smith, a native of Somerset, Ky., was a former instructor at the University of California at Los Angeles and at Ohio State University.

Motor vehicles are the only means of transportation for an estimated 18,000,000 non-farm rural workers.

Visor of Julia Chester Hospital will be the Instructor. The Class will be held at the Julia Chester Hospital. At John P. Cox Drug Co. and drug stores everywhere.

What is a SHUT-OFF ORDER?

It's the Decisive Weapon, when the Warning to Clean-Up or Close-Up is Defied

A "Shut-off order" is rough on rats. It is the one positive way to put a honky tonk out of business.

Hiding behind his legal beer license, the law-breaker brings discredit to a mild and wholesome beverage. Gives the whole industry a bad name. So we "shut off" his beer and leave him high and dry.

That's an extreme measure, but we'll do it when we have to. Generally a warning is enough. Our investigators' reports go to officers of the law for prompt action if the first warning fails.

And where other means fail, those who

sell to minors—keep late hours—allow illegal liquor—serve those who have over-indulged—who permit disorderly conduct or questionable persons to loiter

are given the Shut-Off order. That takes their supply of beer away, protects the good name of the brewing industry for the benefit of the great majority who are decent, law-abiding retailers.

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Beer is a Beverage of Moderation

Navy Reveals Phenomenal Plane Engine

By PETER EDSON
NEA Staff Correspondent

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 24.—Development of an aircraft engine so powerful that it promises to revolutionize not only the war in the air but the future of commercial aviation as well can now be revealed. It goes well beyond 1500-2000 horsepower cycle of today's best aircraft engines, though detailed records of its performance are still held as restricted information by the U. S. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics and the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Division of United Aircraft Corporation, at whose engine research laboratories and factories here in East Hartford, Conn., the new power unit was developed. Newspaper men were given a preview of the engine here.

For All Types

While the horsepower, construction, fuel consumption, and mechanical improvements incorporated in the new engine are still considered aviation secrets, and the speeds and rates of climb obtainable in new planes that can be built around this power plant cannot now be told, it is possible to reveal these salient facts:

1. It brings to reality 400-mile an hour flight.
2. The engine is no mere laboratory test model.

3. So far have engineering and construction of the engine progressed that it is now incorporated in the design of a number of different new planes, ranking all the way from single engine fighters up to multiple engine bombers and cargo planes that look like something out of a Sunday supplement pipe dream.

4. While developed primarily for Naval aircraft, this new engine has definite post-war commercial potentialities because the engineering improvements that have been incorporated in its design give higher efficiency in both pounds-weight per horsepower and fuel consumption per pound load than are found in even the best of today's highly perfected aircraft engines.

Joint Project

The new Pratt and Whitney engine is a radial, air-cooled job, but it is in the arrangement and number of the cylinders and the improved mechanical cooling, super-charging of fuel in-pot and other advanced engineering that the engine achieves its phenomenal performance.

Development of this engine has cost an estimated \$2,000,000. Research on the engine was begun at the instance of the U. S. Navy and it has been developed as a joint government-Pratt and Whitney project. Private industry alone probably could not have been able to finance this undertaking.

This much of the story is no longer a secret, but the full story of what this engine is and what it can actually do will have to come out when the planes that it flies begin to appear in the air in numbers, and the Germans meet them in combat for the first time.

Kids' Hard Work Buys A Book For Soldiers

Camp Phillips, Kas. (AP)—In the place of honor in the library of Maj. Gen. Harry J. Maloney of the 9th division is a book presented the soldiers by the third graders of Lincoln School, Wichita, Kas.

In the book are the crawled signatures of 42 children who also enclosed a note explaining how they raised the money to buy the book.

Such as: "Lois Myers—shampooed a pup for a quarter," "So-corrina Galvin—washed dishes for the teacher," "Donald McCurdy—did K. P. duty for mother."

Chicago merchant predicts unusually large scale of toys at Christmas time. Father simply must be entertained.

When a check comes back marked "no account maybe it means the man who wrote it."

A total of 185,000 planes produced in two years means approximately 555,000 engines and possibly 50 million spark plugs.



Can Her Desperate Masquerade Win The Man She Loves?

Alone in her sailplane she faces bitter tempests in her heart and in the air. Thousands cheer, but no one knows the heart-breaking game she is playing.

Soar to New Thrills With GLIDER GIRL
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In HOPE STAR

"Idle" Rich Are Busy As Bees Catering To Khaki-Clad Patrons of Famous Resort

By PAUL HARRISON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 24.—This ultra-conservative, super-exclusive enormously rich winter playground is just an Army town now.

Go along Ocean Drive of a Saturday or Sunday afternoon and you'll see soldiers and their gals strolling past the mansions of Biddle, Dukes and Taylors, or sitting on the wall of a Quinn or Phipps estate. Coast Guardsmen patrol the beach and allow no one near the waterfront after sundown. In Everglades Park, elderly Negroes and their pedal-powered rolling chairs are still for hire, and most of their passengers are soldiers who say, "Give it the gun, uncle. We're off to Mrs. Ritzmore's shack for a bit of 'chow.'"

Officers and their wives shop along Worth Avenue, where tailors display uniforms, and other windows hopefully offer Ming vases and old masters. The Colonel's lady and Judy Astorbi Van Grady are likely to be sisters these days.

Only Army Traffic

In Ta'boo, uniformed young men from Brooklyn sip drinks with uniformed young men who have been here before. At the tennis club, the idle pro sits by his idle courts and tells as idle cop how his son is doing in the Army. Only vehicles on broad and stately County Road are a couple of trucks and a procession of bicycles. Dozens of the latter are rented by soldiers at a corner stand featuring 15-cent-an-hour rates and a caged chimpanzee to amuse the waiting customers.

Gloria Baker Topping, who'd win any pinup popularity contest among the military here, pedals past and waves. All the servicemen turn and look, but nobody yoo-hoos. They see her at closer range this evening when she's



At left is Claire McCardell's new gingham wrap-around for Victory gardeners, with its highly practical cornucopia pocket. A far cry from "pretty-pretty" gardening ensembles is the outfit of real work clothes, above—a bright plaid shirt, windbreaker and denim slacks.

not, in themselves, training centers. But they are in the midst of an area filled with camps, fields and stations, and there is a growing military concentration here.

At the County Road entrance to the huge Breakers Hotel is a sign announcing: "Military Reservation. No Trespassing." It is believed locally that the Army will take over the Whithall, on the bay-front. Nothing is certain about the eventual fate of the Everglades, an enormous \$7,000,000 pink pile built by Paris Singer toward the close of World War I as a convalescent home for British soldiers. After the armistice it was partly opened as a hotel and club. Closed now, it has been inspected by Army engineers, who found that lot of repairs and plumbing would be required before it would become habitable for soldiers.

Here at Palm Beach most of the homes have been opened for the season, but there is little social activity. A sign at the entrance to Mrs. Frederick E. Guest's estate identifies it as a Navy Convalescent Home. In a business building, Mrs. Margaret Emerson and a group of women, including her daughter, Gloria Topping, conduct a busy canteen. The yacht club across the bay now is a USO club for servicemen, and the yachts are doing patrol duty for the Coast Guard.

Before the war, wealthy sportsmen hereabout operated some \$2,000,000 worth of airplanes. Most of these now are on duty with the Civilian Air Patrol, and some of the pilots are Jimmy Donahue, William Quinn, George E. Kent, Jr., Wiley Reynolds, Jr., and Lloyd Bassett. The busy Miss Topping and some of her ambulance unit at the Air Patrol base.

Dog Fans Dog It

Hotels on both sides of the bay

are doing a brisk but non-tourist business. Gayest spot is the George Washington, which has become an unofficial club for those dashing travelers of the world's skyways—officers of the Air Transport Command.

Liveliest night club on the beach is the Patin, with a predominantly khaki clientele—and not all officers, either. The Colony is closed this season, although the members-only Everglades is operating.

Col. E. R. Bradley's famous gambling establishment is about the only place in which uniforms are not seen. The proprietor wants no truck with—or interference from, any group of fortune-seekers earning only \$50 a month. So he has declared himself out of bounds.

Clubs

The Sardis Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Glen Dyer, Wednesday, February 17, with an attendance of twenty. Miss Mary Claude Fletcher, Home Demonstration Agent, gave some very interesting demonstrations on a "pressure cooker meal", "baked beans", and "baking a chicken". A covered dish luncheon was served.

There was a business session in the afternoon. Some of the club members plan to attend the council meeting to be held at Old Liberty, March 17. The March meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Jeff Tollett.

The Union Grove Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 19 at the church. Miss Christine Naugher, assistant home demonstration agent, met with the club at 2:00 p. m. and explained the point system on rationing book No. 2.

Mrs. Johnson, our poultry leader, gave a discussion and her blood tested chickens. She also encouraged every family to get pure bred chickens where we could sell ours to the hatchery.

We had six members present and two visitors.

Our next meeting will be held March 19 at Mrs. Carl Evans, with the clothing leader in charge.

The council meeting will also be with the Union Grove club at the Church March 23. Every one is invited to attend this meeting.

Ask Consumers to Register Before Friday

Only 1500 consumers had registered for food rationing up to noon today, according to James H. Jones, superintendent of schools who urged that more people sign up today and Thursday so the entire county can be completed by Friday.

Registration sites are:

Ward 1 (Hazel Street East) Brookwood School.

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Ward 3—Paisley School.

Ward 4—Oglesby School.

All persons living on rural routes or outside the city limits will register at the nearest school.

All negroes will register at Yerger High School.

Twin Can't Tell Who He Is

Emden, Mo. (AP)—At 87 years of age, Dave S. Sharp doesn't know whether he's Dave or his twin brother, Dan.

From infancy they were so much alike friends and relatives couldn't tell one from the other.

When they were babies their sister mixed them and from that day even their mother didn't know which was who.

A Wren In Need Is A Friend Indeed

London (AP)—Third Officer Audrey Sylvia Coningham hoped for thrills when she joined the WRENS. She found them.

The ship on which she was a passenger was torpedoed. She jumped into the water, saw two men in difficulties—only one had a life belt and he was using it to support the other.

Audrey removed her own life belt and put it on the sinking seaman. It kept him afloat until he could be picked up. Then she swam to another ship and was picked up.

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